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Jeff Bezos, CEO
Amazon
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Mr. Bezos:

On behalf of the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce, please accept this **letter of support** for the city of Edwardsville's effort to attract Amazon's second corporate headquarters location.

Edwardsville is well positioned to welcome Amazon's new headquarters facility. Located within the St. Louis metropolitan statistical area, our region is home to more than **2.8 million** residents, multiple **renowned higher education** institutions, and a **highly educated workforce**. Edwardsville has experienced impressive growth over the last two decades, and our economy continues to thrive.

Having worked with Edwardsville with the recent location of two fulfillment centers in our commerce center, you are aware that our community is a **transportation hub**. With our **excellent infrastructure** and **proximity to multi-modal** transportation, Edwardsville is an ideal location for Amazon's headquarters facility.

One of the region's greatest assets is **Southern Illinois University Edwardsville** (SIUE), which is housed on 2,660 acres in Edwardsville. An internationally recognized state institution, more than **14,000 students** are enriched, educated, and prepared to enter the workforce at SIUE each year. SIUE has attracted students from more than **50 countries** around the globe, clearly demonstrating its commitment to **diversity and inclusion**.

Edwardsville's infrastructure assets, our market's population diversity, and our human capital make this community a strong competitor for welcoming Amazon's second headquarters operation.

I encourage you to contact me with any questions or for further detail.

Sincerely,

Desirée Bennyhoff, IOM, ACE
President & CEO